THE HONORABLE JOHN E. BRIDGES Noted for Hearing: May 23, 2005, 8:30 a.m.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

Timothy Borders et al.,

Petitioners.

V.

King County et al.,

Respondents,

and

Washington State Democratic Central Committee,

Intervenor-Respondent.

NO. 05-2-00027-3

WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME FOR MOTION TO CLARIFY THAT A "CONVICTED FELONY RECORD" ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT PROOF OF A FELONY CONVICTION AND TO REQUIRE BEST EVIDENCE OF A FELONY CONVICTION

I. RELIEF REQUESTED

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee ("WSDCC") hereby moves this Court for an order shortening time for the consideration of its Motion to Clarify that a "Convicted Felony Record" Alone is Not Sufficient Proof of a Felony Conviction and to Require Best Evidence of a Felony Conviction. WSDCC requests that this motion be heard on May 23, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., prior to the start of trial.

Title of underlying motion: Motion to Clarify that a "Convicted Felony

Record" Alone is Not Sufficient Proof of a Felony Conviction and to Require Best Evidence

of a Felony Conviction

Moving party: Washington State Democratic Central

Committee

If motion to shorten time is not granted,

underlying motion would be noted for the

Court's calendar for:

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Date when moving party seeks to have the Court

rule on Motion to Shorten Time:

Monday, May 23, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 23, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

Date on which moving party seeks to have the

Court consider merits of underlying motion:

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

In the course of preparing for trial in this matter, WSDCC has been diligently reviewing and analyzing documents produced by Petitioners in support of their allegations that felons voted illegally in the 2004 General Election. In doing so, WSDCC determined that for 200 such individuals, the only documents related to the allegedly illegal voters' felony convictions are "Convicted Felon Reports" ("CFRs"), which list the information with which an individual was charged, but do not list the crime of which an individual was ultimately convicted, or whether that conviction was for a felony or a misdemeanor. *See*

Declaration of William C. Rava In Support of Washington State Democratic Central Committee's Motion to Shorten Time for Motion to Clarify ("Rava Decl.") ¶ 2. Upon discovering that Petitioners appeared to be using CFRs alone as evidence of felony convictions, instead of copies of the underlying judgments, counsel for WSDCC immediately contacted counsel for Petitioners on Monday, May 16 to determine whether in fact this was Petitioners' intent. *Id.* ¶ 3, Ex. A. In response, counsel for Petitioners stated his belief that CFRs were "reports generated by the Superior Court showing the date & nature of convictions." *Id.* ¶ 4, Ex. A

Counsel for the WSDCC attempted to resolve this issue without involving the Court, by informing Petitioners' counsel that CFRs do not list criminal convictions; counsel also provided an example of a CFR that listed felony charges for which the individual was only convicted of a gross misdemeanor. *Id.* ¶ 5, Exs. A-B.

The following day, counsel for WSDCC emailed counsel for Petitioners, requesting Petitioners' position on the issue of the CFRs. Counsel for Petitioners responded: "I believe we will have to leave that one for the judge." *Id.* ¶ 6, Ex. A.

As such, for seven days prior to the proposed hearing date, Petitioners have been aware that WSDCC would contend that CFRs alone are insufficient proof of felony convictions, and six days before the trial Petitioners agreed that this was an issue that must be decided by the Court. Petitioners have had ample time (more than is allowed under the ordinary briefing schedule) to prepare a complete response to WSDCC's Motion prior to a May 23, 2005 hearing date.

WSDCC filed its Motion to Clarify that a "Convicted Felony Record" Alone is Not Sufficient Proof of a Felony Conviction and to Require Best Evidence of a Felony Conviction ("Motion to Clarify") in a timely fashion, given their immediate notification of

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this issue to Petitioners and their attempts to resolve this issue with Petitioners outside of the courtroom. Further, given that this issue directly impacts the level of proof required for Petitioners to sustain their burden at trial, this issue is best considered at the outset of trial. Deciding this issue in advance may simplify the presentation of proof during trial and help determine the length, scope, and necessity of presentation of rebuttal or alternative evidence.

III. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This motion is based on Civil Rules 6 and 7 and Local Rule 7(b)(1)(F), on WSDCC's Motion to Clarify filed concurrently herewith, and on the pleadings and motions already of record.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, WSDCC respectfully requests that the Court grant its Motion to Shorten Time to consider its Motion to Clarify that a "Convicted Felony Record" Alone is Not Sufficient Proof of a Felony Conviction and to Require Best Evidence of a Felony Conviction.

DATED: May 18, 2005.

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By <u>s/William C. Rava</u>

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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM C. RAVA IN SUPPORT OF WSDCC'S MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME FOR MOTION TO CLARIFY - 1

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William C. Rava declares:

- 1. I am one of the attorneys of record for the Washington State Democratic Central Committee ("WSDCC") in the above-captioned action.
- 2. Along with other counsel and legal staff, I have been diligently preparing for trial in this matter. As part of doing so, we have been reviewing the documents produced by Petitioners in support of their allegations that felons voted illegally in the 2004 General Election. Earlier this week, we realized that for 200 people on Petitioners' alleged felon voter list, the only documents related to their felony convictions are "Convicted Felon Reports" ("CFRs") which list the information with which an individual was charged but do not list the crime of which an individual was ultimately convicted, or whether that conviction was for a felony or a misdemeanor.
- 3. On May 16, 2005, upon making that determination, I contacted Eric B. Martin, one of the counsel for Petitioners, via email in an attempt to determine what Petitioners understood the purpose of a CFR. A true and correct copy of that email correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 4. In my email I asked: "Convicted felon reports (CFR). Can you tell me what these are and what they are used for?" In response, Mr. Martin stated: "These are reports generated by the Superior Court showing the date & nature of convictions."
- 5. Following that exchange, I reviewed a CFR to confirm that there was no listing on a CFR of the nature of the conviction. After doing so I emailed Mr. Martin again to explain that the CFRs only provided a listing of what crimes an individual was charged with, and did not, in fact, include any indication of the nature of the conviction. Later that same day I also provided Mr. Martin with an example of a CFR that listed felonies with which an individual was charged but no indication of the nature of the ultimate conviction,

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for an individual who was actually convicted of a gross misdemeanor. A true and correct copy of the letter regarding that information is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 6. On May 17, having heard no response from Mr. Martin, I emailed him again to request Petitioners' position on this issue. In that email correspondence I stated that WSDCC would not stipulate that a CFR alone is sufficient to meet the burden of proving a felony conviction occurred. Mr. Martin replied as follows: "I understand your position regarding CFRs. I believe we will have to leave that one for the judge."
- 7. On the morning of May 18, I also learned from Mr. Martin that Petitioners might attempt to rely on other secondary databases that might or might not reflect on a person's conviction status and the severity of the convicted crime (such as court dockets).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED at Seattle, Washington, this 18th day of May, 2005

<u>/s/ William C. Rava</u> William C. Rava

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Rava, William C.

From:

Martin, Eric B. [ericbmartin@dwt.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 17, 2005 7:34 PM

Sent:

Rava, William C.

Subject:

RE: Felons and other illegals

I understand your position regarding CFRs. I believe we will have to leave that one for the judge. I assume we will still be able to stipulate to the existence of CFRs in individual files.

I am working on the list you provided right now & hope to have a response to some of the names tonight or early tomorrow. In addition, I believe we will be providing information regarding your voters at the same time (or thereabouts).

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----Original Message----

From: Rava, William C. [mailto:WRava@perkinscoie.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2005 7:28 PM

To: Martin, Eric B.

Subject: RE: Felons and other illegals

Where are you on this issue? We believe you have approx. 200 alleged felons for whom the only documentary evidence of a conviction is a CFR. Unless you provide me with persuasive authority, we will not be stipulating that a CFR is alone sufficient to meet your burden of showing a felony conviction.

Also, when are we going to start talking about the lists, individual voters, debunks and the like. I've been trying to initiate such a conversation for 4 weeks now (see my 4/19 letter to David Bowman) to no avail. If petitioners want a stip before Monday, we need to get working and fast.

There's plenty to talk about now, even as documents pour in.

Will Rava

(206) 359-6338 direct

(206) 359-7338 fax

----Original Message----

From: Rava, William C.

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2005 4:32 PM

To: 'Martin, Eric B.'

Subject: RE: Felons and other illegals

For an example of the unreliability of CFRs, see my letter to David Bowman of 4/22 and in particular the documents related to Ms. Steinman in Skagit County.

Will Rava

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----Original Message----

From: Rava, William C.

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2005 2:45 PM

To: 'Martin, Eric B.'

Subject: RE: Felons and other illegals

As to #2, I don't read CFRs as you do. They list the charged information, but don't appear to say anything about what the person was actually convicted of. It is my understanding that, in the criminal law world, prosecutors must use certified copies of the judgment and sentences to prove convictions and to avoid mistakes that are inherent in data entry systems. The CFR is a secondary source, and as such has inherent reliability problems, similar to those we've already argued relating to voter crediting.

Will Rava

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----Original Message----

From: Martin, Eric B. [mailto:ericbmartin@dwt.com]

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2005 1:38 PM

To: Rava, William C.

Subject: RE: Felons and other illegals

#1 - I'll get back to you shortly on that.

#2 - These are reports generated by the Superior Court showing the date & nature of convictions.

#3 - I believe we have death certificates. I don't think we rely on any other type of evidence, but I'm having someone double-check that. #4 - This may have to be addressed on an individual-voter basis - I don't believe our spreadsheet lists the specific conviction. To the extent that the list could be used to check against the conviction record contained in the files, if it would be useful I agree & I think we should be able to easily agree on what is and is not a felony (of course I don't practice criminal law, so maybe I'm wrong, but I don't think so) #5 - I agree, especially the DOC records. I have someone looking at the DOC records right now to make sure we have a good understanding of the meaning of each type of disposition. Once we have that list I'll send it to you to see if you concur. #6 - Agreed.

EBM

----Original Message----

From: Rava, William C. [mailto:WRava@perkinscoie.com]

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2005 1:07 PM

To: Martin, Eric B.

Subject: Felons and other illegals

Eric,

Here were some of the non-individualized issues I thought we could start talking about. I'll send along others as they come to me.

(1) Suspended and deferred sentences. As I mentioned, our understanding is that crimes committed before July 1984 that resulted in a suspended/deferred sentence did not necessarily result in

a conviction such that civil rights would have been revoked. Do you have a different understanding?

- (2) Convicted felon reports (CFR). Can you tell me what these are and what they are used for?
- (3) What sort of evidence are you anticipating putting forward to show listed voters were not alive when a ballot was allegedly cast in their name? Death certificates? Obits?
- (4) There are a number of crimes that are not felonies that appear in documents more than once (attempted VUCSA comes to mind, as does third/fourth degree malicious mischief). We should work up lists and do whatever diligence is required so that we can agree on what is and is not a felony.
- (5) There are lots of different kinds of discharges/terminations/etc from various parties for various purposes (DOC 5990s, discharge). We should try (and should be able) to work through any conflicting understandings of the legal impact of such documents.
- (6) Identity issues. I could see both parties having various questions related to ensuring that the alleged voter is the same person as the alleged felon. It may be easiest to talk about these issues using specific examples. But we should be prepared to discuss and resolve as many of these as possible.

I welcome your thoughts on these and any additional issues you think we can talk about with or without reference to specific voters.

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April 22, 2005

VIA FACSIMILE

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Re: Borders, et al. v. King County, et al.

WSDCC Supplemental Discovery Responses

Dear David:

I write to supplement WSDCC's discovery responses. Enclosed herewith please find documents relating to Petitioners' accusations against the following 4 people.

Petitioners' Reference	Nante	Attached Documents	Description
Bowman Ex. 2, No. 48	Kershner, Thelma P.	PIER 00809-810 PIER 00831-834	No signature, ballot not counted
Bowman Ex. 1, No. 235	Serrano, Amber	April 11, 2005 Janine Joly letter	Not a felon;
Bowman, Ex. 1, No. 817	Steinman, Anjanette	Declaration of Skagit County Deputy Clerk	Convicted of gross misdemeanor, not felony

David Bowman, Esq. April 22, 2005 Page 2

Petitioners' Reference	Name	Attached Documents	Description
Bowman Ex. 1, No. 798	Wilson, Warren G.	PIER 00809-810 PIER 00831-834	Signature did not match; ballot not counted

Our investigation is ongoing, and we will supplement again as appropriate.

Very truly yours,

William C. Rava

Enclosures

cc: Thomas Ahearne (w/encls.)

SKAGIT COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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DECLARATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY

DEPUTY CLERK, SELMA ALBEE - 1

- 1. I am a Deputy Clerk at the Skagit County Clerk's Office and am competent to be a witness herein.
- 2. This declaration is prepared in connection with the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated April 13, 2005 addressed to Skagit County Chief Civil Deputy, Don LeRoy Anderson and issued by Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, the attorneys for the petitioners in the above-referenced action (the "Subpoena").
- 3. This declaration is prepared for the purpose of providing information available to the Skagit County Clerk's Office on whether or not a certificate of discharge pursuant to RCW 9.94A.637 has been entered in certain criminal actions against the one individual listed in Exhibit 1 to the Subpoena (the "Named Voter"): Anjanette M. Steinman, voter identification number 21069.
- 4. For clarification purposes, Anjanette Steinman, the only person named in Exhibit 1 of the Subpoena (the "Named Voter") was never convicted of a felony. The named voter was convicted of a gross misdemeanor and as such was eligible to vote in the 2004 General Election. A copy of the corrected conviction report (a public document) was received from the Clerk's Office and is provided as attachment "A".
- 5. Subject to the limitations stated in this declaration, the SCOMIS case entries reflect that a certificate of discharge was entered for Anjanette M. Steinman. The certificate of discharge was entered to avoid any confusion and to clarify the status of Anjanette M. Steinman as noted in #4 above.

Phone: (360) 336-9460 Fax: (360) 336-9497 EXECUTED this 19th day of April, 2005 at Mount Vernon, Washington.

DECLARATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY DEPUTY CLERK, SELMA ALBEE - 3

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SKAGIT COUNTY'S OBJECTION TO INSPECTION AND COPYING OF MATERIALS

TO: **Petitioners**

AND TO: Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, their attorneys

In accordance with CR 45(d)(1), Skagit County hereby objects to the inspection and copying of all the materials designated in the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated April 13, 2005

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addressed to Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney, Don LeRoy Anderson and issued by Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, the attorneys for the petitioners in this action. The objections include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: the place of production is improper under CR 45(d)(2); some or all of the materials may be exempt or otherwise nondiscoverable by rule, law or otherwise; and, as an additional ground with regard to item number 3 under "Documents Requested," Skagit County did not identify any such individuals and no such ballots were "counted in Chelan County" as described.

DATED this 19 day of April, 2005.

SKAGIT COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Don L. Anderson, WSBA # 12445 Chief Prosecuting Attorney (Civil) Attorney for Skagit County

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Office of Prosecuting Attorney

REPLY TO: CIVIL DIVISION 955 Tacoma Avenue South, Suite 301 Tacoma, Washington 98402-2160 FAX: (253) 798-6713 GERALD A. HORNE Prosecuting Attorney

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March 18, 2005

Kevin J. Hamilton PERKINS COIE LLP 1201 Third Ave., Suite 4800 Seattle, WA 98101-3099 RECEIVED

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RE: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Please find enclosed copies pursuant to your record request. At this time no charge for the copies has been assessed. When the search for the requested records is completed a letter will accompany the copies with a final copy count and amount due.

If you should have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call me at the number below. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Heather R. Foster Paralegal (253) 798-7787

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April 11, 2005

Dean Logan, Director King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division 500 Fourth Avenue, Room 553 Seattle, Washington 98104

Re:

Voter Registration Challenge – Amber Serrano (DOB: 10/19/77) Voter Identification No. 30385209

Dear Mr. Logan:

On March 31, 2005, you presided over a voter registration challenge regarding Amber Serrano. The challenge was filed by the King County Prosecutor's Office and was based on a Judgment and Sentence that listed Cynthia Vivette Cornethan a.k.a. Amber M. Serrano as the defendant. Based on the evidence presented and the argument of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, you or lered that Ms. Serrano's voter registration be cancelled.

Last week Ms. Serrano informed your office that she was a victim of identity theft a few years ago and that she is still dealing with the repercussions of that incident. It appears that the individual who stole Ms. Serrano's identity was Ms. Cornethan and that she was using Ms. Serrano's name at the time charges were filed against her. In further researching this matter, it is now clear that Ms. Serrano's voter registration should not have been cancelled based on the felony conviction that was presented to you. According to our records, Ms. Serrano has never been convicted of a felony.

I am requesting that you reinstate Ms. Serrano's voter registration based on the fact that the cancellation was not warranted. I have apologized to Ms. Serrano for the inconvenience and I also apologize for any inconvenience this has caused for you or your staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

For NORM MALENG, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Janine Joly

Sr. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

CC:

Amber Serrano

27319 24th Place South

Federal Way, Washington 98003

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TO: THE CLERK OF THE COURT

AND TO: All parties and counsel of record

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NOTE FOR MOTION

Please note that this matter has been set before the Honorable John E. Bridges on the 23rd day of May, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

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DATED this 18th day of May, 2005.

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William C. Rava declares:

- I am one of the attorneys of record for the Washington State Democratic
 Central Committee ("WSDCC") in the above-captioned action.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of a "Convicted Felon Report" ("CFR") that was produced by Petitioners in this matter. Petitioners have not produced a corresponding judgment of conviction for this individual.
- 3. Certified copies of judgments of convictions (often entitled "Judgment and Sentence") are readily available at the county courthouses for all Washington counties, including King County. WSDCC has collected from county court files around the State, copies of the judgment of conviction for every individual on WSDCC's list of illegal felon voters. Petitioners are aware of how to obtain copies of judgments of conviction, as they have done so for a number of the individuals they allege to be felons who voted in the 2004 General Election. For example, attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of a Judgment & Sentence that was produced by Petitioners in this matter.
- 4. Along with other counsel and legal staff, I have been diligently preparing for trial in this matter. As part of doing so, we have been reviewing the documents produced by Petitioners in support of their allegations that felons voted illegally in the 2004 General Election. Earlier this week, we realized that for 200 people on Petitioners' alleged felon voter list, the only documents related to their felony convictions are CFRs. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of a list of those 200 individuals.
- 5. On May 16, 2005, upon making that determination, I contacted Eric B. Martin, one of the counsel for Petitioners, via email in an attempt to determine what

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Petitioners understood the purpose of a CFR. A true and correct copy of that email correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

- 6. In my email I asked: "Convicted felon reports (CFR). Can you tell me what these are and what they are used for?" In response, Mr. Martin stated: "These are reports generated by the Superior Court showing the date & nature of convictions." This was the first time that counsel for WSDCC was made aware that Petitioners believed that a CFR alone is sufficient proof that a person was actually convicted of a felony.
- 7. On the morning of May 18, I also learned from Mr. Martin that Petitioners might attempt to rely on other secondary databases that might or might not reflect on a person's conviction status and the severity of the convicted crime (such as court dockets).
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the Verbatim Report of Proceedings, *Borders v. King County*, No. 05-2-00027-3, dated May 2, 2005.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED at Seattle, Washington, this 18th day of May, 2005

<u>/s/ William C. Rava</u> William C. Rava

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EXHIBIT B

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KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CONVICTED FELON REPORT

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JPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY No. 99-1-09921-1 SEA, SEE ALSO MAY 19 AM 10: 30 OF WASHINGTON Plaintiff, JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE CO DAVID C CONYERS Defendant. I. HEARING 1.1 The defendant, the defendant's lawyer, KIM EXE _____, and the deputy prosecuting attorney were present at the sentencing hearing conducted today. Others present were: 1.2 The state has moved for dismissal of count(s) II. FINDINGS Based on the testimony heard, statements by defendant and/or victims, argument of counsel, the presentence report(s) and case record to date, and there being no reason why judgment should not be pronounced, the court finds: 2.1 CURRENT OFFENSE(S): The defendant was found guilty on (date): 04-06-2000 by plea of: Count No.: I Crime: ASSAULT IN THE 3RD DEGREE RCW 9A.36.031 1 E Crime Code 01035 Date of Crime 11-11-99 Incident No. Count No.: ____ Crime: ____ Crime Code Date of Crime Incident No. _____ Crime: Crime Code Date of Crime Incident No. Additional current offenses are attached in Appendix A. SPECIAL VERDICT/FINDING(S): (a) \square A special verdict/finding for being armed with a Firearm was rendered on Count(s): (b) A special verdict/finding for being armed with a Deadly Weapon other than a Firearm was rendered on Count(s): (c) PResectal verdict/finding was rendered that the defendant committed the crimes(s) with a sexual motivation in Count(s): (d) Alspecial verdict/finding was rendered for Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act offense taking place Tin a school zone I in a school I on a school bus I in a school bus route stop zone I in a public park I in public Charlest vehicle [] in a public transit stop shelter in Count(s): (e) U Vehicular Homicide U Violent Offense (D.W.I. and/or reckless) or U Nonviolent (disregard safety of others) (f) Current offenses encompassing the same criminal conduct and counting as one crime in determining the offender score (RCW 9.94A.400(1)(a)) are: XTHER CURRENT CONVICTION(S): Other current convictions listed under different cause numbers used in calculating he offender score are (list offense and cause number): ACCTG EXH

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APPENDIX F

Exhibit C
Individuals for Whom Petitioners Have Only Produced CFRs to Prove Felony Convictions

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5	Felons	King	ANDERSON	JUSTIN	T
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7	Felons	King	BARRETT	MICHAEL	A
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9	Felons	King	BECK	JOSEPH	L
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12	Felons	King	BELL	JOSEPH	E
13	Felons	King	BETTIS	TODD	R
			BOWMAN	FRANCES	GENEVA
14	Felons	King	BRADFORD	JOHANNA	MARIE
15	Felons	King	BROWNE	DIANE	M
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17	Felons	King	BRUCE	ROBERT	M
18	Felons	King	BRYANT	KENNETH	
19	Felons	King	BUNNELL	DONETTE	SUZANNE
20	Felons	King	BURNS	SONIA	L
21	Felons	King	BYRD	ROBIN	R F
22	Felons	King	CARTER	NICOLE	F
23	Felons	King	CHAMBERS	JOHN	
24	Felons	King	CHAMBERS	VIOLETA	L
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27	Felons	King	COLIS	JAY	M
28	Felons	King	COX	MARLON	R
29	Felons	King	CUMMINS	GREGORY	J
30	Felons	King	CURENTON	CARL	Ļ
31	Felons	King	DAILEY	ANNE	R
32	Felons	King	DAVENPORT	THOMAS	C
33	Felons	King	DAVIS	MELINDA	A
34	Felons	King	DAVISON	PAUL	G
35	Felons	King	DERMATES	SANDRA	A
36	Felons	King	DIAZ	BIANCA	JESSE
37	Felons	King	DISHMON	PAMALA	R
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49	Felons	King	GREENWOOD	BRIAN	J
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82	Felons	King	MARTINEZ	REBECCA	A
83	Felons	King	MATHISEN	MICHAEL	D
84	Felons	King	MAUESBY	NATALIA	TREVELL
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91	Felons	King	MEHLHAFF	JEREMY	J
92	Felons	King	MERKERSON	GREGORY	
93	Felons	King	MITCHELL	HELEN	1
94	Felons	King	MITCHELL	VERNON	G
95	Felons	King	MUSCAT	MIKE	ANTHONY
96	Felons	King	NASTASE	LAURA	M
97	Felons	King	NEWMAN	PAUL	E
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99	Felons	King	NICHOLAS	RAYMOND	J
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101	Felons	King	PARKER	PAMELA	M
102	Felons	King	PELTS	PAUL	Α
103	Felons	King	PERKINS	GREGORY	М

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107	Felons		PORTER	ANTHONY	V
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108	Felons	King	POTTERF	CORY	
109	Felons	King	POWELL	KENNETH	BEIRNE
110	Felons	King	PUTNAM	JOE	W
111	Felons	King	RAGIN	JAMES	E
112	Felons	King	RANDLE	RENA	M
113	Felons	King	RAYMER	ROBERT	M
114	Felons	King	RICHARDSON	JAMES	R
115	Felons	King	ROBERTS	ROY	R
116	Felons	King	ROSS	DOUG	W
117	Felons	King	ROSS	FRANKLIN	Ö
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118	Felons	King	RUCKER		C
119	Felons	King	SANCHEZ	REINALDO	
120	Felons	King	SANCHEZ	RONDA	L
121	Felons	King	SARMIENTO	PABLO	
122	Felons	King	SCHROETER	BENJAMIN	
123	Felons	King	SHERIDAN	ANDREW	Α
124	Felons	King	SILVA	RICARDO	Α
125	Felons	King	SIMON	PATRICIA	Α
126	Felons	King	SIMONTON	CAROLYN	Α
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132	Felons	King	SUAREZ	JOSE	J
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134	Felons	King	TAGGART	MALCOLM	E
135	Felons	King	TAYLOR	JEFF	M
136	Felons	King	THOMAS	MICHAEL	G
137	Felons	King	THORNTON	JEREMY	М
138	Felons	King	TYSON	APRIL	Α
139	Felons	King	WALTON	DONNA	L
140	Felons	King	WALTON	KEITH	В
141	Felons	King	WARE	CHRISTOPHER	P
142	Felons	King	WASHINGTON	CHRISTOPHER	
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145	Felons	King	WATSON	WENDY	<u>L</u>
146	Felons	King	WATTERS	DONALD	E
147	Felons	King	WERLING	MARK	В
148	Felons	King	WHEELER	SCOTT	
149	Felons	King	WHITEEAGLE	KEITH	M
150	Felons	King	WIEDERHORN	MITCHELL	r,
151	Felons	King	WIESE	WILLIAM	TODD
152	Felons	King	WILBUR	MICHAEL	S
153	Felons	King	WILCOX	ARTHUR	W
154	Felons	King	WILLIAMS	TERESA	M
155	Felons	King	WINSTON	MARSHALL	C
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Exhibit C
Individuals for Whom Petitioners Have Only Produced CFRs to Prove Felony Convictions

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156	Felons	King	WORLEY	PEARL	ANN
157	Felons	King	THOMPSON	CY	A
158	Felons	King	TOUTONGHI	JOSEPH	G
159	Felons	King	CAMERON	KENNETH	M
160	Felons	King	EMAN	ROBERT	J
161	Felons	King	FLOYD	SHELIA	D
162	Felons	King	GIVENS	ELMER	
163	Felons	King	JOHNSON	LEONARD	G
164	Felons	King	ANDERSON	ROY	Α
165	Felons	King	ARCHIE	MATTHEW	G
166	Felons	King	CHARNEY	KEN	W
167	Felons	King	DAWSON	DIANA	
168	Felons	King	FREDRICK	RUSSELL	L
169	Felons	King	AITKEN	STASHA	S
170	Felons	King	ANDERSON	MARCUS	S
171	Felons	King	BECK	WILLIAM	Н
172	Felons	King	BOGGS	KAIL	Α
173	Felons	King	BROWN	JOANN	L
174	Felons	King	CLEMENS	TYRON	M
175	Felons	King	DAVIS	MARK	A
176	Felons	King	DOUCETTE	DAVID	Н
177	Felons	King	EMANUEL	MICHAEL	J
178	Felons	King	ERLANDSON	LEIGH	M
179	Felons	King	FUREDY	MICHAEL	J
180	Felons	King	GORMAN	DAVID	SCOTT
181	Felons	King	GROPPER	ANGELA	M
182	Felons	King	HAYDON	TIFFANY	L
183	Felons	King	HAYWOOD	LEONARD	L
184	Felons	King	HOUCK	JACQUELINE	E
185	Felons	King	HOWARD	GARY	Α
186	Felons	King	LEALOFI	MALEKO	TEPATASI
187	Felons	King	MCDOUGALL	SHANE	THOMAS
188	Felons	King	MONDAY	KEVIN	L
189	Felons	King	MOORE	JOHNNIE	L
190	Felons	King	MYLES	ROGER	Α
191	Felons	King	NELSON	CHRISTOPHER	JAMES
192	Felons	King	NORTH	DENNIS	H
193	Felons	King	PEREZ	DEBRA	М
194	Felons	King	PRESNELL	CAROLYN	M
195	Felons	King	REASOR	ANGELA	L
196	Felons	King	RIGGINS	JOYCE	M
197	Felons	King	SWAIN	TYSHON	C
198	Felons	King	TINGELSTAD	MARK	ALAN
199	Felons	King	TRAVIS	EDNA	D
200	Felons	King	WILLIAMSON	TAMMY	М
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Rava, William C.

From:

Martin, Eric B. [ericbmartin@dwt.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 17, 2005 7:34 PM Rava, William C.

To: Subject:

RE: Felons and other illegals

I understand your position regarding CFRs. I believe we will have to leave that one for the judge. I assume we will still be able to stipulate to the existence of CFRs in individual files.

I am working on the list you provided right now & hope to have a response to some of the names tonight or early tomorrow. In addition, I believe we will be providing information regarding your voters at the same time (or thereabouts).

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To: Martin, Eric B.

Subject: RE: Felons and other illegals

Where are you on this issue? We believe you have approx. 200 alleged felons for whom the only documentary evidence of a conviction is a CFR. Unless you provide me with persuasive authority, we will not be stipulating that a CFR is alone sufficient to meet your burden of showing a felony conviction.

Also, when are we going to start talking about the lists, individual voters, debunks and the like. I've been trying to initiate such a conversation for 4 weeks now (see my 4/19 letter to David Bowman) to no avail. If petitioners want a stip before Monday, we need to get working and fast.

There's plenty to talk about now, even as documents pour in.

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From: Rava, William C.

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2005 4:32 PM

To: 'Martin, Eric B.'

Subject: RE: Felons and other illegals

For an example of the unreliability of CFRs, see my letter to David Bowman of 4/22 and in particular the documents related to Ms. Steinman in Skagit County.

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To: 'Martin, Eric B.'

Subject: RE: Felons and other illegals

As to #2, I don't read CFRs as you do. They list the charged information, but don't appear to say anything about what the person was actually convicted of. It is my understanding that, in the criminal law world, prosecutors must use certified copies of the judgment and sentences to prove convictions and to avoid mistakes that are inherent in data entry systems. The CFR is a secondary source, and as such has inherent reliability problems, similar to those we've already argued relating to voter crediting.

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To: Rava, William C.

Subject: RE: Felons and other illegals

#1 - I'll get back to you shortly on that.

#2 - These are reports generated by the Superior Court showing the date & nature of convictions.

#3 - I believe we have death certificates. I don't think we rely on any other type of evidence, but I'm having someone double-check that. #4 - This may have to be addressed on an individual-voter basis - I don't believe our spreadsheet lists the specific conviction. To the extent that the list could be used to check against the conviction record contained in the files, if it would be useful I agree & I think we should be able to easily agree on what is and is not a felony (of course I don't practice criminal law, so maybe I'm wrong, but I don't think so) #5 - I agree, especially the DOC records. I have someone looking at the DOC records right now to make sure we have a good understanding of the meaning of each type of disposition. Once we have that list I'll send it to you to see if you concur. #6 - Agreed.

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To: Martin, Eric B.

Subject: Felons and other illegals

Eric,

Here were some of the non-individualized issues I thought we could start talking about. I'll send along others as they come to me.

(1) Suspended and deferred sentences. As I mentioned, our understanding is that crimes committed before July 1984 that resulted in a suspended/deferred sentence did not necessarily result in

a conviction such that civil rights would have been revoked. Do you have a different understanding?

- (2) Convicted felon reports (CFR). Can you tell me what these are and what they are used for?
- (3) What sort of evidence are you anticipating putting forward to show listed voters were not alive when a ballot was allegedly cast in their name? Death certificates? Obits?
- (4) There are a number of crimes that are not felonies that appear in documents more than once (attempted VUCSA comes to mind, as does third/fourth degree malicious mischief). We should work up lists and do whatever diligence is required so that we can agree on what is and is not a felony.
- (5) There are lots of different kinds of discharges/terminations/etc from various parties for various purposes (DOC 5990s, discharge). We should try (and should be able) to work through any conflicting understandings of the legal impact of such documents.
- (6) Identity issues. I could see both parties having various questions related to ensuring that the alleged voter is the same person as the alleged felon. It may be easiest to talk about these issues using specific examples. But we should be prepared to discuss and resolve as many of these as possible.

I welcome your thoughts on these and any additional issues you think we can talk about with or without reference to specific voters.

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1	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
2	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN
3	TIMOTHY BORDERS, et al.,
4	Petitioners, 2 No. 05-2-00027-3
5	vs.
6	KING COUNTY and DEAN LOGAN,) its Director of Records,)
7	Elections and Licensing) Services, et al.,)
8	Respondents,
9	and)
10	WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC)
11	CENTRAL COMMITTEE,
12	Intervenor-Respondent,)
13	and)
14 15	LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF) WASHINGTON STATE, et al.,)
16	Intervenor-Respondent.)
17 18	VERBATIM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS Court's Oral Decision
L9	BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 2nd day of MAY, 2005, the
20	above-entitled and numbered cause came on for hearing before
21	the HONORABLE JOHN E. BRIDGES at the Chelan County Law &
22	Justice Building, Wenatchee, Washington.
23	APPEARANCES
24	FOR THE PETITIONERS: Mr. Robert Maguire Mr. Mark Braden
25	Mr. Dale Foreman

1	FOR THE DEMOCRATIC	Ms. Jenny Durkan		
2	CENTRAL COMMITTEE:	Mr. David Burman Mr. Russell Speidel		
3	FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:	Mr. Tom Ahearne Mr. Jeffrey Even		
4		Mr. Nick Handy		
5	FOR KLICKITAT COUNTY:	Mr. Tim O'Neill		
6	FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY:	Mr. Gordon Sivley		
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8	(Oral Argumen	t by Counsel)		
9	THE COURT: All right, co	ounsel, I'm going to give a		
10	ruling on this motion and my ru	ling is going to be pretty		
11	brief, not as long as some have	been in the past. In this		
12	particular instance the Washing	ton State Democratic Central		
13	Committee have filed a motion in limine to exclude the			
14	petitioners' attribution of ille	egal votes, and I understand		
15	after reading these materials, b	pecause it was not necessarily		
16	a term that was familiar to me,	that this attribution argument		
17	has various names. It can be a	ttribution. It's also called		
18	proportional analysis, proportion	onate deduction. It's called		
19	statistical analysis, and I thin	nk as one of the petitioners'		
20	experts has referred to it as pe	erhaps even ecological		
21	inference.			
22	At its most basic, the Co	ourt understands, the use of		
23	this methodology would purported	lly show that if the illegal		
24	votes are apportioned between Mi	r. Rossi and Ms. Gregoire and		
25	deducted from their totals, the	result would show that Mr.		

- 1 Rossi received more legal votes than Ms. Gregoire. The
- 2 intervenors in this case ask the Court, by motion in limine,
- 3 to exclude this evidence of statistical analysis and, in
- 4 essence, reject the theory. I'm not going to summarize the
- 5 arguments that have been made in support of and opposition to
- 6 this motion because we've heard those this morning. I will
- 7 say that the intervenors assert that such evidence is
- 8 inconsistent with the standard of proof required to invalidate
- 9 an election.
- 10 The Court concludes that neither specifically has our
- 11 state legislature, nor our courts established any guidelines
- 12 in this particular area. Decisions of courts from other
- 13 states to include, I would note, California and Idaho have
- 14 resulted in mixed opinions. Some favor the admission of such
- 15 evidence and some reject such evidence. Based on the review
- 16 of the statutes, the out-of-state cases, including Hill v.
- 17 Howell in our state, and the arguments that have been made
- 18 both orally and in writing to the Court, the Court's going to
- 19 deny the intervenor's motion in limine in this case to exclude
- 20 this evidence subject, of course, to a Frye hearing, if one is
- 21 requested.
- 22 However -- and this is an important however. The
- 23 denial of this motion should not be interpreted as a pretrial
- 24 ruling adopting the statistical analysis methodology, so
- 25 everyone understands that, and that's the ruling of the Court.

MAY0205.txt 2 up is whether crediting files are admissible. (Oral Argument by Counsel) 3 4 THE COURT: This motion before the Court has been brought by the intervenors and it is a motion in limine to 5 6 exclude evidence of what's called voter crediting and to require the petitioners to introduce the so-called best 7 8 evidence of voting. And as we've heard and as I've read, the intervenors here allege that the petitioners intend to rely on 9 10 so-called voter registration files to prove that the individual illegal voters actually voted. One of our election 11 12 contest statutes is RCW 29A.68.110 dealing with illegal votes and that statute provides that no election may be set aside on 13 14 account of illegal votes unless it appears that an amount of illegal votes has been given to the person whose right is 15 16 being contested that, if taken from that person, would reduce the number of the person's legal votes below the number of 17 votes given to some other person for the same office after 18 deducting therefrom the illegal votes that may be -- that may 19 20 be shown to have been given to the other person. 21 In response, the Court understands the petitioners here

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to say that there are in excess, I think, of at least a
thousand votes cast by persons who were disqualified either
because they were felons who had not been re-enfranchised, by
persons who cast more than one vote or because ballots were

¹ cast in the names of deceased persons. And I also understand

² there is an argument that there are hundreds of provisional

- 3 ballots improperly put in tabulating machines without
- 4 verifying that the ballots were from lawfully registered
- 5 voters who had not already voted. Counsel have talked about
- 6 the statute and the statute actually is 29A.08.125 and the
- 7 petitioners arque that the voter crediting records are indeed
- 8 competent evidence of the fact that a person voted because
- 9 those records are required to be maintained by the auditor
- 10 pursuant to this particular statute and, indeed, that statute
- 11 does require the auditors to maintain these particular
- 12 records.
- 13 But although these records, I think, are certainly
- 14 admissible under our rules of evidence, the process of
- 15 crediting voters with having voted is a post-election
- 16 administrative exercise that this Court determines does not
- 17 bear upon the authenticity of election results and because of
- 18 that, the Court grants the intervenor's motion and, therefore,
- 19 the Court will require that any party, whether it be the
- 20 petitioners or the intervenors, who allege that there have
- 21 been illegal votes, they're going to be required to use the
- 22 poll book page signed by the voter or a provisional ballot
- 23 envelope signed by the voter which was submitted presumably at
- 24 the time or an absentee ballot envelope. Any questions,
- 25 counsel? Folks, let's take the morning recess for about 15

- 1 minutes and then we'll take up. I think we can finish these
- 2 motions this mornina.
- 3 (Recess taken)

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Oral Arg	ument	by	Counsel)

5	THE COURT: All right. There are actually two motions
6	before the Court. They are, if I can use the word, companion
7	motions. The first is the petitioners' motion to clarify the
8	burden of proof with respect to illegal votes, and the counter
9	motion brought by the intervenors is a motion in limine to
10	exclude evidence of petitioners' illegal convicted felon
11	voters. The Court understands, first, that the petitioners
12	intend to offer evidence of votes which were cast by felons
13	who were disqualified from voting under the Washington State
14	Constitution and that the argument is that upon a prima facie
15	showing by the petitioners that a voter is a felon and that
16	court records do not reflect any restoration of civil rights
17	that the respondents should be should bear the burden of
18	showing that the felon's civil rights have been restored
19	through either a certificate of discharge issued by the
20	felon's sentencing court or some other paperwork and that
21	absent such a showing by the respondents here, the
22	intervenors, that the Court should deem the felon's vote
23	illegal and invalid.
24	The companion motion filed by the intervenors is this,
25	that the intervenors assert in their motion in limine that the

- 1 Court should exclude all evidence of illegal felon voters
- 2 unless the petitioners can prove six elements. One, that the
- 3 -- that the vote was -- that the voter was convicted as an
- 4 adult, that the voter was convicted of a felony, that the

- 5 voter had not been given a deferred sentence, that the voter
- 6 had not been discharged pursuant to RCW 9.94A.637, that is,
- 7 not had their civil rights restored. Fifth, that the voter
- 8 cast a ballot in the 2004 general election and finally, number
- 9 six, that the voter marked the ballot to indicate a vote for a
- 10 gubernatorial candidate.
- 11 This, the Court recognizes, is an important decision,
- 12 as are all of these decisions we're dealing with today and as
- 13 well as those that have preceded today's hearing. And as the
- 14 Court was going through these motions and as I was lying in
- 15 bed last night, I had one of the fears that I think attorneys
- 16 have had often, I'm sure, did I miss something. Am I going to
- 17 get in court and realize that there is an issue that I just
- 18 completely overlooked. Mr. Foreman started out his
- 19 presentation a few minutes ago with the burden of proof
- 20 argument, that is, is it by a preponderance of the evidence or
- 21 is it clear, cogent and convincing evidence. And in
- 22 actuality, I hadn't anticipated specifically that that
- 23 argument was before the Court, based on the written materials
- 24 that the Court had been presented. I'll make a ruling. If
- 25 counsel wish, however, to readdress the issue, I invite

- 1 counsel to do that.
- 2 First with respect to the petitioners' motion here, the
- 3 Court's going to deny petitioners' motion and I do so for the
- 4 following reasons: Evidence of a felony conviction, coupled
- 5 with the absence of a certificate of discharge in a court

- 6 file, in this Court's mind does not establish a prima facie
- 7 case of illegal felon voting, and the Court concludes that
- 8 really based upon the reasoning provided by the Secretary of
- 9 State in their written materials.
- 10 Secondly, the burden of proof, this Court concludes,
- 11 rests with the party contesting the election and that burden
- 12 of proof does not shift. The reasons the burden of proof does
- 13 not shift is grounded in both our case law as well as our
- 14 statutes, and the Court, of course, as are counsel, we're all
- 15 mindful that the courts of this state presume the certified
- 16 results of an election to be valid unless the contrary is
- 17 clearly established. And unless an election is clearly
- 18 invalid, when the people have spoken their verdict should not
- 19 be disturbed by the courts.
- 20 Pursuant to RCW 29A.08.810, the registration of a
- 21 person as a voter is presumptive evidence of his or her right
- 22 to vote. And pursuant to RCW 29A.08.820, when a voter's
- 23 registration is challenged before an election, the burden of
- 24 proving that he or she is improperly registered rests with the
- 25 challenger and must be proved by clear and convincing

- 1 evidence. The same standard should apply when election
- 2 results are contested under 29A.68.020. Inasmuch as voting is
- 3 a constitutional right, no vote should be held illegal and
- 4 discounted absent clear proof that the voter was legally
- 5 disenfranchised.
- 6 Now as to the intervenor's motion in limine to exclude

- 7 evidence of petitioners' erroneously listed illegal convicted
- 8 felon voters, specifically the Washington State Democratic
- 9 Central Committee argues that the petitioners must show
- 10 evidence of the six elements that I've referenced to prove
- 11 that an illegal felon actually voted. The Court's decision
- 12 with respect to this motion in limine to exclude this evidence
- 13 is this. The Court's going to deny that motion and the Court
- 14 does so for the following reasons: First, our law instructs
- 15 that the Court should only grant a motion in limine if the
- 16 Court is able to determine that the evidence is clearly
- 17 inadmissible based on the issues. And here, the evidence
- 18 discussed in the intervenor's motion may be insufficient but
- 19 it is not clearly inadmissible.
- Now, counsel, I recognize that you're asking for some
- 21 guidance from the Court so I'll offer the following to you.
- 22 To the extent that both the petitioners as well as the
- 23 intervenors seek clarification as to the evidence which must
- 24 be established to demonstrate that an illegal felon voted, the
- 25 Court instructs that the following elements should be

- 1 established to the extent that these elements can be
- 2 established. One, that the individual was convicted as an
- 3 adult and was not adjudicated as a juvenile. Number two, that
- 4 the individual was convicted of a felony, not a misdemeanor or
- 5 a gross misdemeanor. Number three, that the individual was
- 6 not given a deferred sentence. Number four, that the
- 7 individual has not had his or her civil rights restored in one

- 8 of the five ways described by the Secretary of State. Number
- 9 five, that the individual cast a ballot in the 2004 general
- 10 election and, number six, that they marked the ballot to
- 11 indicate a vote for a gubernatorial candidate.
- 12 Now, based on this Court's ruling with respect to voter
- 13 crediting, evidence that a particular person voted should be
- 14 based upon the poll books and the ballot envelopes. And with
- 15 respect to this last element, element number six, that there
- 16 should be evidence that an individual marked a ballot for a
- 17 gubernatorial candidate, the Court is mindful that it has not
- 18 precluded petitioners from introducing evidence of attribution
- 19 conditioned on a Frye hearing. And although these
- 20 determinations are obviously inconsistent and ultimately may
- 21 be mutually exclusive, whichever party intends to convince the
- 22 Court that illegal felons voted should present all of the
- 23 evidence available, if any, as to element number six.
- One of the cases that we have talked about for quite a
- 25 while now the last several months is Foulkes v. Hayes and in

- 1 that case our Supreme Court talks about the inability to come
- 2 up with the smoking gun. I recognize that and it just may be
- 3 simply impossible to come up with all of these elements I've
- 4 referred to and particularly element number six. I'm simply
- 5 indicating you folks should come up with all that you have.
- 6 With respect to and responding to Mr. Foreman as to
- 7 simply what is the burden of proof, I'm going to say it's
- 8 clear and convincing. And I understand the Secretary of

- 9 State's argument. I'm mindful of the cases. I've read the
- 10 statutes and I think that is the appropriate burden but, Mr.
- 11 Foreman, if your folks disagree with that, I mean, I would
- 12 encourage specific briefing just as to that issue, but at this
- 13 time that's the Court's ruling.
- 14 Now, I want to go one step further, counsel, and this
- 15 is not by invitation necessarily but I think by necessity, and
- 16 I certainly don't intend to mischaracterize anybody's argument
- 17 here and specifically the petitioners' argument, but there is
- 18 a theme that I sometimes see as I read these materials and the
- 19 theme is this -- or the issue is this. May an election be
- 20 invalidated where the number of illegal votes exceed the
- 21 margin of victory, and I don't know if the petitioners intend
- 22 to pursue that simple issue because it's simple to state. But
- 23 I want to address it now so we can get it out of the way. And
- 24 so because it's the Court's impression that petitioners may
- 25 continue to argue that they do not have to prove which party

- 1 was credited with an illegal vote, under some of our case law,
- 2 particularly Foulkes v. Hayes and Hill v. Howell, this is the
- 3 Court's reasoning.
- 4 While petitioners' arguments in this regard may be
- 5 persuasive, Washington's election contest statutes clearly
- 6 require the contestant to show illegal votes or misconduct
- 7 changed the election result based on RCW 29A.68.110 and .070.
- 8 And neither the Hill case nor the Foulkes case mentioned these
- 9 specific statutes and in both of those cases where fraud was

- 10 shown, the Court may set aside the election without requiring
- 11 proof that the result was changed. The contestants in Foulkes
- 12 did not allege illegal votes had been counted but, rather,
- 13 that properly cast ballots had been fraudulently altered. And
- 14 under these facts, our Supreme Court held the trial court had
- 15 correctly overturned the election without proof the result had
- 16 been affected.
- 17 Similarly, in Hill the Court required proof illegal
- 18 votes changed the result, but in doing so remarked in somewhat
- 19 contradictory dicta that such a showing might not be required
- 20 where fraud, intimidation or a fundamental disregard of the
- 21 law had occurred. Also, there is an out-of-state case, the
- 22 Gooch case from Florida where the California court -- I'm
- 23 sorry, Florida. Out of California. The California court
- 24 interpreted a statute almost identical to our 29A.68.110 to
- 25 not require proof the result was changed where a candidate's

- 1 organization had engaged in large scale voter fraud. But in
- 2 our case here today, the petitioners have never alleged, to
- 3 the Court's knowledge, or even alluded to fraud or voter
- 4 intimidation. The only case where a Washington court did not
- 5 require proof of causation was Foulkes and that case involved
- 6 fraud.
- 7 The rule urged by petitioners may be a wise one and a
- 8 tempting choice for the Court. However, the Washington
- 9 legislature has, by enacting RCW 29A.68.110 and .070, removed
- 10 this choice from this Court's discretion. The statutory

- 11 command is clear and the Court should not invalidate the
- 12 election upon proof the number of illegal votes exceeded the
- 13 margin of victory. If the Supreme Court wishes to clarify
- 14 Hill's fundamental disregard exception to the causation
- 15 requirement, then they certainly, as we all know, will have
- 16 the opportunity to do that. Any questions, counsel, Mr.
- 17 Foreman, Ms. Durkan?
- 18 MR. FOREMAN: No. Your Honor.
- 19 MS. DURKAN: No, Your Honor.
- 20 THE COURT: Mr. Even?
- 21 MR. EVEN: No, Your Honor.
- 22 (Oral Argument by Counsel)
- 23 THE COURT: All right. The motion before the Court is
- 24 this. It's the petitioners' motion in limine to exclude
- 25 evidence concerning what are called previously rejected

- 1 ballots and other offsetting errors and to clarify the limited
- 2 scope of the intervenor's evidence here. And as one might
- 3 imagine, as so often happens, from the time of the filing of
- 4 such a motion and the response, the focus changes somewhat and
- 5 it's the Court's perception that that has occurred here.
- 6 Originally the focus, I understand, of petitioners'
- 7 motion was to preclude, by motion in limine, the intervenors
- 8 from presenting evidence of what I would call signature
- 9 mismatches or rehabilitation of signatures or comparison of
- 10 each provisional ballot envelope signature to a voter
- 11 registration, but I understand that in response to that,

- 12 intervenors indicate that they do not intend to engage or
- 13 present evidence of signature mismatches or rehabilitation of
- 14 signatures or even comparison of provisional ballot or
- 15 absentee ballot envelopes with voter registrations. I'll take
- 16 them at their word.
- 17 Intervenors indicate here that they, however, do intend
- 18 to offer evidence of errors that deprived voters of their vote
- 19 where those folks who voted had timely submitted their ballots
- 20 and all requested information to the election officials and
- 21 they argue specifically that various election officials,
- 22 particularly in King County, I think, failed to compare
- 23 signatures and some rejected ballots because the officials
- 24 failed to include a copy of the signatures on their voter
- 25 registration database and could not find the voters' original

- 1 registrations. Other instances, I think, the intervenors
- 2 discuss would be that the intervenors allege that other errors
- 3 occurred that may have led King County to reject provisional
- 4 ballots which actually should have been accepted if there had
- 5 simply been a signature comparison, and there are some other
- 6 arguments that are more particular to Eastern Washington.
- 7 The Secretary of State here argues this, and it really
- 8 is, in part, I think, in response to Mr. Maguire's argument
- 9 made this morning because the focus of the oral argument, I
- 10 think, is CR 24(c), that is, the intervenors are sandbagging.
- 11 And in response in their written materials, the Secretary of
- 12 State argues that the provisions of our election contest

- 13 statute require the effect of illegal votes and election
- 14 contest errors on both the winner and the runner-up be
- 15 considered in order to fully address which candidate received
- 16 the highest number of lawfully cast votes. And the Court
- 17 agrees with that proposition, in essence, and because the
- 18 Court agrees with that, the Court's going to deny the
- 19 petitioners' motion in this regard.
- 20 I think it has been fairly clear from the beginning
- 21 that the intervenors intended to present some evidence that
- 22 would offset some of the petitioners' evidence and although
- 23 the specifics of that may not have been known until recently,
- 24 I think that the spirit of our election contest statute has to
- 25 offset somewhat Civil Rule 26(c) and so the Court's going to

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- 1 rule this. The Court's going to deny the petitioners' motion,
- 2 but having denied the motion, the Court will make this
- 3 observation, that the definition of illegal votes and election
- 4 errors applies to any evidence that the intervenors may seek
- 5 to admit and if the petitioners believe at trial that such
- 6 evidence as intervenors may seek to admit is improper under
- 7 the election contest statute, then petitioners should
- 8 interpose an objection at that time. So, Mr. Maguire, any
- 9 questions about that?
- 10 MR. MAGUIRE: No, Your Honor, thank you.
- 11 THE COURT: Mr. Burman?
- 12 MR. BURMAN: No. Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Mr. Even, any questions?

14	MAY0205.txt MR. EVEN: No. Your Honor.
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15	(End of Court's Oral Decision)
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Timothy Borders et al.,

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v.

King County et al.,

Respondents,

and

Washington State Democratic Central Committee,

Intervenor-Respondent.

NO. 05-2-00027-3

WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S MOTION TO CLARIFY THAT A "CONVICTED FELONY RECORD" ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT PROOF OF A FELONY CONVICTION AND TO REQUIRE BEST EVIDENCE OF A FELONY CONVICTION

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I. INTRODUCTION

Washington courts have ruled that reports of convictions from law enforcement databases alone are insufficient to prove a felony conviction has occurred under a preponderance of evidence standard. For 200 of the people on their alleged felon voter list, Petitioners rely solely on "Convicted Felon Records" ("CFRs") to prove a felony conviction – and those records *do not even report on convictions*. Instead, the CFRs list the crimes with which an individual was *charged*. But a charge is not a proof of conviction.

The CFRs do not list the crimes for which the individual was ultimately convicted, nor do CFRs list whether the ultimate conviction was for a felony or a misdemeanor. Petitioners have failed to make a showing sufficient to establish the existence of a felony conviction for those individuals, which is one of the elements this Court has previously ruled that Petitioners bear the burden of proving at trial, by clear and convincing evidence, on their claim of illegal votes under RCW 29A.68.020(5)(a)(ii). Accordingly, WSDCC asks the Court to clarify that any party seeking to prove an illegal vote by a convicted felon whose civil rights have not been restored may not rely solely on a CFR to establish a felony conviction, but must present the best available evidence: the Judgment and Sentence issued by the convicting court.

II. FACTS

A. CFRs Do Not State Whether a Felony Conviction Has Occurred.

CFRs include two categories of information: (1) "Personal Identification" and (2) "Charge Information." *See* Declaration of William C. Rava in Support of WSDCC's Motion to Clarify ("Rava Decl.") Ex. A. The Personal Identification section includes an individual state identification number; the person's name, birth date, age at completion,

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gender, race, and address; the case number; "case resolution" (whether the case was resolved by a guilty plea or trial); and "case completion" (the date the judgment was filed). The Charge Information section includes the crimes charged by statute reference, title, date the information was filed, and severity. Nowhere on the CFR is the crime for which the person was convicted listed, nor does the CFR include information regarding whether the conviction was for a felony or a misdemeanor. *Id.* In contrast, a Judgment entered by a court contains both the crime of conviction and the severity of conviction. *See, e.g., id.* Ex. B. Judgments are readily available through Washington's county courts. *See id.* ¶ 3.

B. Petitioners Intend to Rely Solely on CFRs to Prove a Felony Conviction Has Occurred for 200 People on Their List.

For 200 of the individuals on Petitioners' final list of allegedly illegal felon voters, the only proof that Petitioners have produced that these individuals were actually convicted of a felony are CFRs. *See* Rava Decl. ¶4, Ex. C. WSDCC learned for the first time this week that Petitioners believe that a CFR alone is sufficient proof that a person was actually convicted of a felony. *Id.* ¶¶ 5-6, Ex. D. As support for Petitioners' position, they assert that the CFRs "are reports generated by the Superior Court showing the date & nature of convictions." *Id.* That is flat wrong. Instead, as explained above, the CFRs show the date on which the judgment was filed and the crime with which the person was *charged*, but *not* the crime of which the person was convicted. In contrast to Petitioners' reliance on CFRs, WSDCC has collected from county court files around the State, copies of the judgment of conviction for every individual on WSDCC's list of illegal felon voters. *Id.* ¶3. Of course, these documents are public records and were equally available for Petitioners during the four months since they filed this election contest.

III. ARGUMENT AND AUTHORITY

A. This Court's Prior Rulings Support WSDCC's Position.

On May 2, 2005, this Court ruled that any party asserting illegal votes by a convicted felon whose civil rights have not been restored must establish six elements in order to prove an "illegal vote" under RCW 29A.68.020(5)(a)(ii). The elements relevant to this motion are as follows:

One, that the individual was convicted as an adult and was not adjudicated as juvenile. Number two, that the individual was convicted of a felony, not a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor. . . . Number five, that the individual cast a ballot in the 2004 general election.

Rava Decl., Ex. E (Verbatim Report of Proceedings at 9). The Court further ruled that "the burden of proof . . . rests with the party contesting the election and that burden of proof does not shift." *Id.* at 8. In other words, Petitioners bear the burden of proving that each individual on their list of illegal felon voters was actually convicted of a felony as an adult. And the burden that they bear is the highest standard available in the civil context: clear and convincing evidence. *Id.* As the Court explained on May 2:

[T]he courts of this state presume the certified results of an election to be valid unless the contrary is clearly established. And unless an election is clearly invalid, when the people have spoken their verdict should not be disturbed by the courts.

Pursuant to RCW 29A.08.810, the registration of a person as a voter is presumptive evidence of his or her right to vote. And pursuant to RCW 29A.08.820, when a voter's registration is challenged before an election, the burden of proving that he or she is improperly registered rests with the challenger and must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. The same standard should apply when election results are contested under 29A.68.020. In as much as voting is a constitutional right, no vote should be held illegal and discounted absent clear proof that the voter was legally disenfranchised.

Id. (emphasis added).

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Finally, the Court's ruling regarding the type of evidence necessary to prove that an individual actually voted is relevant to the type of evidence necessary to prove whether a person has actually been convicted of a felony. As to proof of voting, the Court required the best evidence available: "the poll book page signed by the voter or a provisional ballot envelope signed by the voter . . . or an absentee ballot envelope." *Id.* at 5. The Court rejected Petitioners' attempt to rely on secondary sources of evidence of voting (the voter crediting files) given the availability of the primary and best evidence of the fifth element on which Petitioners bear the burden of proof in this case (that the allegedly illegal voter actually cast a ballot in the 2004 general election).

B. A CFR Alone Cannot Satisfy Petitioners' Burden of Proof Because Database Printouts Listing Felony Convictions Do Not Meet Even the Preponderance of Evidence Standard to Prove a Prior Conviction.

Washington courts have addressed the issue of what is sufficient proof of a prior felony conviction in the context of establishing a defendant's criminal history for sentencing purposes. *State v. McCorkle*, 88 Wn. App. 485, 492 (1997), *aff'd* 137 Wn.2d 490 (1999). In this context, "the State must prove the existence of prior convictions by a preponderance of the evidence." *Id.* The courts have clearly concluded that the "best evidence of a prior conviction is a certified copy of a judgment." *Id.* at 493 (emphasis added). A printout of a law enforcement database which lists prior felony convictions, when used alone, is insufficient proof of an individual's criminal history to meet even a preponderance of evidence standard. *See State v. Gill*, 103 Wn. App. 435, 448-450 (2000) (reversing lower court decision that FBI "rap sheet" listing all prior convictions was, alone, sufficient proof of past criminal convictions because the "State failed to establish minimally reliable facts upon which to make a decision"); *State v. McCorkle*, 88 Wn. App. at 493 (1997) (noting that FBI rap sheet listing prior convictions may be considered only "in conjunction with other

Seattle, Washington 98101-3099 Phone: (206) 359-8000 Fax: (206) 359-9000 evidence"). In *Gill*, the defendant prevailed on the same argument that WSDCC is making here: a felony conviction must be proved by a "copy of the judgments and sentence. It can't just be a computer printout." *Gill*, 103 Wn. App. at 448.

Such database printouts may only be relied upon if presented in conjunction with other documents of record or transcripts of prior proceedings that are comparable to a judgment of conviction. *See Gill*, 103 Wn. App. at 448; *State v. Reinhart*, 77 Wn.App. 454, 456 (1995) (reliance upon an unsigned certified copy of a judgment, a presentence report, and a penitentiary record showing the sentences and terms of parole, along with an FBI rap sheet listing prior convictions was sufficient to show that a prior conviction had occurred under a preponderance of evidence standard).

C. A CFR Cannot Satisfy Petitioners' Burden of Proof Because a CFR Does Not Even List Convictions or Whether Such Convictions Are Felonies.

Unlike a rap sheet listing prior convictions, the CFRs include no record of what an individual was convicted of, nor do CFRs list whether a conviction was for a felony or a misdemeanor. See Rava Decl. Ex. A. Petitioners are simply wrong in asserting that the CFRs "show[] the date & nature of convictions." Certainly if a database from the Federal Bureau of Investigation listing an individual's prior convictions is insufficient proof of a prior conviction to meet a preponderance of evidence standard, a database listing of crimes with which a person was charged cannot be sufficient proof of a prior conviction to meet the clear and convincing standard applicable in this case. The Court should clarify that a CFR alone does not satisfy Petitioners' burden of proof on one of the essential elements to their claim of illegal votes by convicted felons – proof that each such person was actually convicted of a felony.

D. Petitioners Should Be Required to Use the Best Available Evidence to Prove Felony Convictions.

"It is a general demand of the law that the best possible evidence be produced." *Larson v. A.W. Larson Const. Co.*, 36 Wn.2d 271, 279 (1950); *see also Eagle Group, Inc. v. Pullen*, 114 Wn. App. 409 (2002) (must use "best available" evidence to show lost profits); *Minor v. United States*, 375 F.2d 170, 181 (8th Cir. 1967) ("It is the established rule that the best evidence extant and obtainable must be used in a trial, and that secondary evidence of a fact may not be offered so long as primary evidence is extant and obtainable.").¹

Washington courts have unequivocally ruled that "[t]he best evidence of a prior conviction is a certified copy of the judgment." *Gill*, 103 Wn. App. at 448; *McCorkle*, 88 Wn. App. at 493. Certified copies of judgments for felony convictions are readily available from Washington's county courts. *See* Rava Decl. ¶ 3. Petitioners have apparently failed to

Underlying the rule are the presumptions that impugn the motive of a party who withholds primary evidence and attempts to substitute therefor evidence of an inferior grade, the innocent, sometimes sinister, fallibility and inaccuracy of human understanding and memory – particularly that of persons interested in the result – and the possibility, often strong probability, of error in copies of documents which may be of the highest importance in the litigation.

State v. Modesky, 15 Wn. App. 198, 203-04 (1976). The best evidence argument is particularly strong here given that Petitioners must prove that the election was "clearly invalid." *Dumas v. Gagner*, 137 Wn.2d 267, 283 (1999). To satisfy this burden, Petitioners should be required to produce the best evidence available to them – certified copies of judgments.

¹ The rationale underlying those decisions and the codified "best evidence rule" supports the exclusion of the CFRs:

obtain those documents. Instead, they have chosen to rely on the CFRs which are, at best, secondary evidence that an individual was charged with a felony. Apparently, Petitioners may also attempt to rely on other secondary databases that might or might not reflect on a person's conviction status and the severity of the convicted crime (such as court dockets). *Id.* ¶ 7. Petitioners cannot rely on this faulty secondary evidence. *See Pneumo Abex Corp. v. Bessemer and Lake Erie R. Co., Inc.*, 936 F. Supp. 1250, 1258-59 (E.D. Va. 1996) (rejecting a compilation of records because it did not fairly represent the underlying records).

Because the primary evidence of a certified copy of a judgment is available and the CFRs do not show whether an individual was convicted of a felony, the Court should require Petitioners to produce certified copies of the judgments for each person they allege to be a convicted felon who cast an illegal vote.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Court should clarify before trial begins that a CFR alone is insufficient proof that a person was actually convicted of a felony. The Court should require Petitioners to introduce the best evidence available of a felony conviction: the judgment of conviction from the court files.

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